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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

OCTOBER 1, 2002

ORGANIZED CRIME/ANTI-TERRORISM DIVISION

The September 11 terrorist attacks increased the need for additional resources to fight terrorism. The District Attorney's Organized Crime Division is targeting terrorism, coordinating with federal and local agencies to detect, deter and prevent politically motivated violence.

Additionally, this unit focuses on crime rings organized along racial lines. The Sheriff's Department has concentrated on this problem through the Asian Crime Task Force. The District Attorney's office is finding extensive use of organized crime within the Russian, Asian, South American and Nigerian communities. Currently, these types of criminal activities are not being investigated or prosecuted by the District Attorney's office to the fullest potential.

Furthermore, this unit will investigate hate crimes, which have increased dramatically since the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors approve a \$3,506,511 budget augmentation from the Estimated Fund Balance to the District Attorney for 29 positions for the District Attorney's Organized Crime/Anti-Terrorism Division for fiscal year 2002-2003.

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